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February 4, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractor for the following:

Project ID No. APT4088895 (Capital Project 88895) - General William J. Fox Airfield Apron Pavement Rehabilitation, City of Lancaster (5), to Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., in amount of \$1,183,682.70.

Project ID No. WWD2100001- Kagel Canyon East and West Tank Recoatings, vicinity of Kagel Canyon (5), to Robison-Prezioso, Inc., in amount of \$115,263.43.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. APT4088895 and WWD2100001.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2002-03 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal and State funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 30, 1996, your Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Master Plan Update for the General William J. Fox Airfield. An element of the Master Plan includes this project.

The remaining project was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
February 4, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. APT4088895 (CAPITAL PROJECT 88895), GENERAL WILLIAM J. FOX AIRFIELD APRON PAVEMENT REHABILITATION (City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing and reconstruction of the apron and taxiway pavement, construction of concrete hard stands and aircraft tie downs, installation of runway and taxiway pavement markings, and sealing of an access road.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 17, 2002 (Synopsis 79)

BID OPENING DATE: January 21, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., a corporation P.O. Box 1187 Lancaster, California 93584 (661) 533-2121	\$ 1,183,682.70
2	C. A. Rasmussen, Inc.	\$ 1,416,103.00
3	Bowe Contractors, Inc.	\$ 1,498,900.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 1,158,278.85
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 1,183,682.70
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 25,403.85

The amount of the recommended contract is 2 percent above the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Improvement grant program. Under this program, 90 percent of the project costs will be reimbursed by the FAA. The 2002-03 Aviation Capital Projects Fund will finance the remaining 10 percent matching share. There will be no net cost to the County associated with this project.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 19 percent. This contract has a Federal-mandated DBE goal of 15 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On July 30, 1996, your Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Master Plan Update for the General William J. Fox Airfield. An element of the Master Plan includes this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in April and be completed in August 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
February 4, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. WWD2100001, KAGEL CANYON EAST AND WEST TANK
RECOATINGS (in the vicinity of Kagel Canyon), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Recoating of two water tanks and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 10, 2002 (Synopsis 30)

BID OPENING DATE: January 7, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Robison-Prezioso, Inc., a corporation 10114 Shoemaker Avenue Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 (562) 906-9002	\$115,263.43
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2	AA-1 Services, Inc.	\$165,248.75
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Ruso M. Stankovich, an individual dba NW Painting, submitted a bid proposal with an unsigned bid guaranty. NW Painting was considered nonresponsive and its bid rejected in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Part H, ANonresponsive Bids and Bid Rejection.@

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$102,989.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$115,263.43
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 12,274.43

The amount of the recommended contract is 12 percent above the engineer-s estimate, which was based on past contract prices for similar items of work. A review of the estimate and bidders-pricing indicates that the estimated costs for some of the items were below current market prices. Based on the bid prices received, we do not believe that readvertising this project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of Waterworks District 21, Kagel Canyon.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Robison-Prezioso, Inc. (RPI), has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in April and be completed in September 2003.

Additional Information:

The contractor's industrial safety record indicates an accident resulting in a fatality on January 4, 2003.

RPI has a subcontract to perform surface preparation and coating on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. To complete their work, RPI was required to access the underside of the upper deck of the bridge. RPI purchased a scaffolding system that was designed jointly by the general contractor, an independent engineering firm, and the scaffold company. On January 4, 2003, one of the main trusses of one of the scaffoldings systems collapsed, fatally injuring an employee of RPI. The investigation is still pending, and no citation has been issued by Cal/OSHA.

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